

Management Group (MG) of the UN-REDD Programme
Decisions of meeting of 6 Nov 2013
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Participants:

MG members and alternates

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UNEP: Tim Christophersen

Secretariat: Thais Linhares Juvenal

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Others

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a. Minutes from previous call (23 Oct)

- a. Approved (*UNDP may share with MG their comments on Legal Manual presented in previous call.*)

b. Semi Annual Report

- a. The Secretariat provided an update on an amended production timeline, after delays in receiving inputs from countries and agencies or incomplete reports.
- b. MG recommended an after-action analysis of delays in report production process, how MG may support accountability. (*Secretariat to send to MG the annex of SNA Results Framework on evening of 6 Nov, and then the draft of the consolidated report with annexes on 7 November, for MG review by 11 November, Monday, 10am CET.*)

3. Panama

- a. Secretariat updated the MG on the revision of the Panama National Programme, flagging items for attention to ensure a revision process and document that will allow for a smooth way forward (i.e., robust documentation, including meeting announcements and agendas as failproof elements demonstrating open consultations and the participation of both COONAPIP and ANAM, providing robust justification and rationale to the choices made in terms of responding to the recommendations of the evaluation and changes done to the National Programme).
- b. UNEP reiterated the request for the Head of Secretariat to go to Panama as a sign of high-level commitment from the UN-REDD Programme to support Panama in the resolution of the matter.

4. Decision by the MG on the lead agency for the East Africa proposal

- a. The Secretariat updated the MG on Norway's request on 5 November for prioritizing this initiative, separating it from the bundle of Tier 2, and submitting it for contracting and signature before end of the year. This would require documented endorsement by the countries at the highest level, a comprehensive review of institutions at the national level, and an overview of partner organizations involved.
- b. The Secretariat informed the MG that if the program were funded as a separate Tier 2, a contract would need to be signed with the MPTFO prior to the deadline in December. The Secretariat will liaise with the MPTFO to seek clarity on the TORs and the process for a single project Tier 2 and for the transfer of funds to UNODC and Interpol.
- c. The MG thanked the Secretariat for support with this initiative so far in coordinating and convening all the partners, and signaled the need for one of the agencies to take the lead effectively, and to follow through with completion, including mobilizing in-country support and endorsement, and meeting the requirements for releasing the funds by 12 December, 2013. It was agreed that FAO would assume the role of lead agency. (*FAO and UNEP will coordinate regarding the strategy to engage countries and other operational aspects. They will subsequently prepare the requested documentation for Norway.*)

5. AOB

- a. The MG requested an update from the Secretariat on the post-2015 strategy development, to ensure MG involvement.

6. Next call: 13 November, 2:30pm CET